IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/056,136 Confirmation No. 2328

Applicant : Nobuyuki Tatsumi : January 24, 2002

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Examiner : Brian R. Gordon

Title : AUTOMATIC SAMPLER AND NEEDLE FOR THE SAME

Title : AUTOMATIC Docket No. : NGB-12930

Customer No. : 040854

<u>AMENDMENT "E"</u>

(In response to Paper No. Mail Date: 20060420)

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated April 27, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.